

Orchestra Division Meeting

September 10, 2011
USC String Project
2:00pm

Welcome:

Please sign the membership book and add e-mails to create a list.
Thank you to Angela Rex and Teresa Jenkins Russ for the ASTA reading session.
Teresa Jenkins Russ spoke on behalf of ASTA and awarded prizes from the reading session.
Gail Barnes made announcement to get on facebook with orchestrteachers.group.com.

Announcements:

Thank you to Gail Barnes for hosting today's meeting and thank you for the audio clips for region excerpts.
Thank you Sarah Fitzgerald for the outstanding website!
MENC has changed its name to NAFME
Blitz e-mail will be possible if you put your information by signing up into the database on our website.
Sarah F. has created a Facebook page to relay information, just press like.
New Teachers: Andrew Lynn, Summerville High School and Dubose Middle School; Noelle Saleh at Sumter High and Chestnut Oaks Middle; Emily Blankenship at Hillcrest High School, Bryson Middle School and Ralph Chandler Middle School.
Vote on the awards listed on the webpage.
Cynthia Howard encourages students to play in community orchestras. She is inviting musicians to join the Lake Murray Symphony.
Sarah Angelis and Megan Kemp are is now in District 6, Spartanburg

Corrections on the Minutes:

Norman Neff approved the minutes and Dottie Hanlin 2nd.

Treasurer's Report, Sharon Doyle: We are in the black. Two years of no bad checks. We are close to being able to have a reserve enough to still be viable in case of an emergency. We are fully now non-profit. We need to guarantee transparency in the system. Sharon cannot approve and sign a check; the person in charge of the event needs to sign the check.

Dottie Hanlin asked, if more than one person is hosting an event, can any of those people sign the check? The answer is yes. Can people use a PO? Yes, please place your name on it. Please don't send a check and the PO. SCMEA can be a vendor at your school.

Colleen Marcou approved the treasurer's report, Kim Li 2nd.

Sharon, we now have a document retention policy. Financial policies and procedure, whistleblower policy, explanation of taxes, power points of what it means to be non-profit are all available to be seen.

Conference, Colleen Marcou: Convention has been scheduled. Lexington One will perform. Sessions: Dick Goodwin, composition professor from USC, will do a session on arranging music for an unbalanced orchestra. Sandie Goldie is coming from Florida to do two sessions. A CPA will discuss booster clubs. Bernhardt is sponsoring the maker of CODA bows. Alex Spainhour will do a session on repair in the classroom. Adjustments on instruments will be done "on the house" and for a fee; you can have your bow rehired.

Solo and Ensemble, Christine Hallett- March 3rd is the postmark deadline for Solo and Ensemble. A purchase order or check must accompany the forms. New teachers, please ask teachers for assistance about solo and ensemble. Sponsors MUST be at the event with their students. Medals will be handed out at convention. The fee is \$5 for both solo and ensemble entries. Dates and site chairs will be on the website.

Region Orchestra, Phillip Pagal: All auditions are on October 1st. For liability purposes, we need to start tracking each day, how many parents and students, are involved in SCMEA events. For the budget, stay within the budget, keep all receipts and submit to Sharon Doyle. Whoever is doing the CD of the event, please ask for an extra CD to start an archive for this event. Send CD to: pagal@richland2.org or 384 White Gables Drive, Columbia, SC 29229. Send contracts and vouchers to Sharon Doyle. We are going to take picture and attach with names on the database for conductors.

All-State Orchestra, Kathy Perry, Chris Corde and Patrick Murch: The event will take place at Myrtle Beach. Names of the conductors are on the scorchestra.net website. We have all music except one rental piece. Chris, it is a seamless process now. We get 99% of the top band players. Around Jan. if you think about it, check the band website and see if you are sponsoring a band student.

All-State Auditions, Paul Buyer: Monday, you can log onto website and use the user name: teacher, password: orchestra. Find your name, sponsor information, query box, put your name and submit query, highlight that name and edit as you need to. Save changes. Return to homepage and find your school and highlight, fix and save changes, then save students. You should not get to a page that says admin. Go to region registration, only deal with region, place student's name, first name, last name, and phone number. There are three pieces of information needed to enter: instrument, level, and region info. When you see the name added, make sure you see the correct region, select the school then save changes. If you make a mistake, highlight the student's name, make changes and save changes. Print your verification; make a copy for yourself and one to send in. You must sign the disclaimer at the bottom of the verification sheet. Sign the form, place with coversheet and check; please send this all in together. All-State information will be at the region event.

Concert Festival, Chris Selby: Greetings from the executive board. Chris discussed the importance of liability insurance, MENC is changing its name to NAFME. We are no longer a conference so we are now National Association for Music Educators.

New Business:

Johanna Pollock speaking about the All-State soloist: Thank you Gail, for the facilities. The winner is Preston Barber, violist, playing the Hoffmeister. He is from Greenville School of the Arts under John Ravanan.

Christy Lewis: SCEA board meeting, you should be aware our state superintendent turned down money for public education. The money went to other states. There will be a rally for the South Carolina Grass Roots Rally, Sept. 17th from 11-2 on the Columbia Capital lawn.

An e-mail from Patty Foy stated there is \$1,000,000 from the Glee Project to help schools that are losing their music programs. We will post deadlines on the webpage.

Our new teacher winner for free registration and conference fees to be paid is Noel Salle.

John K asked to adjourn and Colleen 2nd.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Diehn

